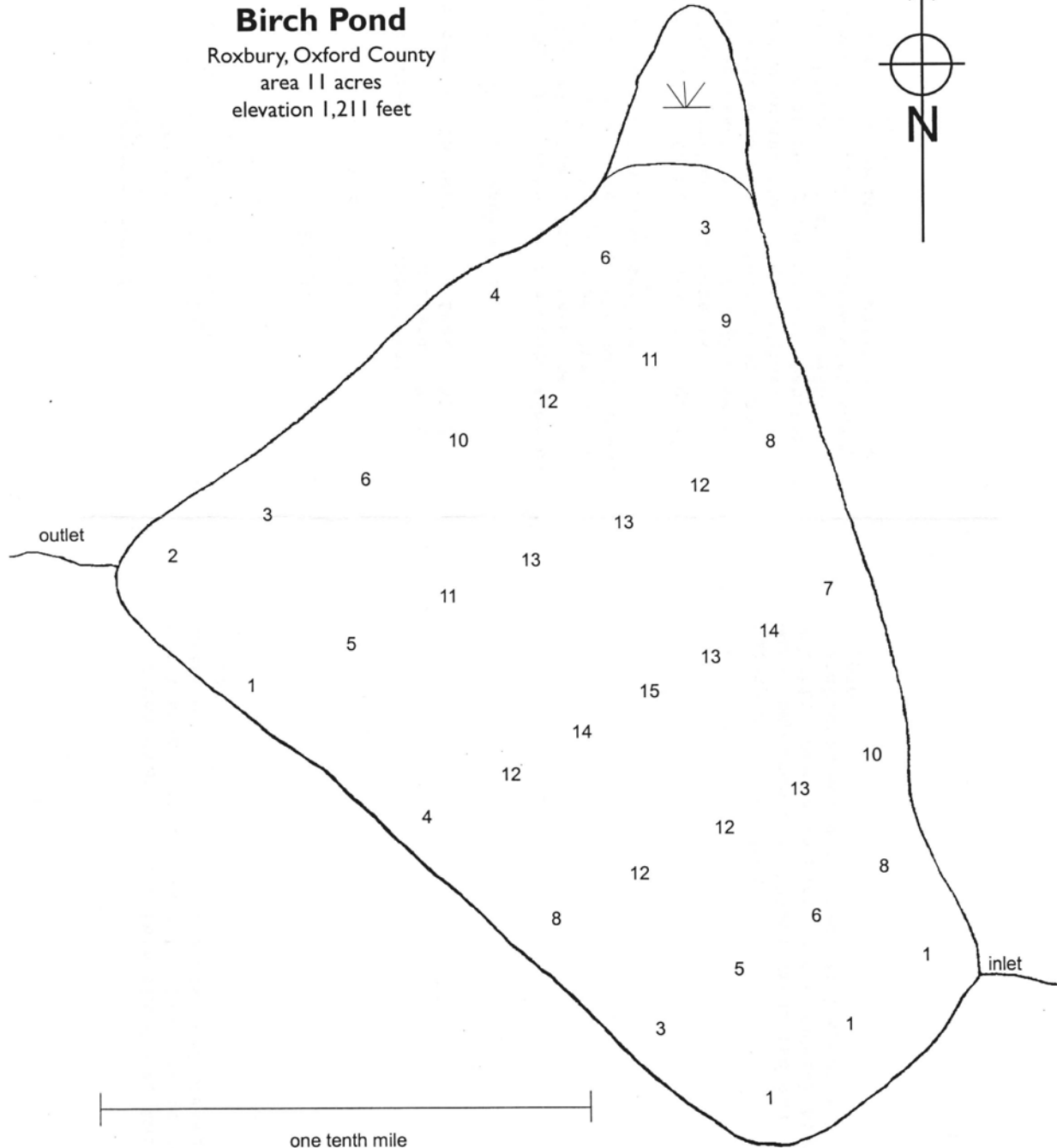


Birch Pond

Roxbury, Oxford County
area 11 acres
elevation 1,211 feet



BIRCH POND
(Swayzee Pond)
Roxbury, Oxford County
U.S.G.S. Roxbury, Maine (7½')

Fishes

Brook trout

Hornpout (bullhead)

Physical Characteristics

Area - 11 acres

Temperatures:

Maximum depth - 15 feet

Surface - 70°F

13 feet - 53°F

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Birch Pond is located on the south side of Bunker Mountain. Its inlet enters the southeast corner of the pond and its outlet, Birch Brook, flows west into the Swift River. The pond's shoreline is undeveloped.

Water quality in Birch Pond is marginal for coldwater gamefish. Surface water temperatures reach critically high levels while dissolved oxygen is lacking at the lower depths during the summer months. Utilizing the spawning and nursery habitat in the inlet, brook trout maintain a wild population. Trout growth is slow with heavy competition from the numerous bullheads. The pond is not stocked.

Birch Pond is accessible via the Walker Brook Road east of Route 17. The pond is open under general law in the summer and closed to winter fishing.

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